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File No. 6-32
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Subject Eugene Michael Carrafa

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Source Identification:

Private Citizen

Officer

Gov't Agency

Criminal Source

Other (Specify)

Information Acquired by:

Hypothesis

News Media

Personal Knowledge

Documents

Heresay/Rumor

INFORMATION:

#1. Eugene Michael CARRAFA
W/M, 05-23-40
7828 Briardale Terrace
Derwood, Maryland
(301) 948-8713
Vehicle: 75 Lincoln Mark IV
White in color
Md. reg. GINO

#2. Gino's Classical Cars, Inc.
3909 Pulaski Highway
Abington, Harford County, Md.

#3. Stanley Norman TASHOFF, Atty.
W/M, 6'4", 180, 12-11-40
9321 Garden Court
Potomac, Md.
(301) 299-6991 (home)
&
19110 Montgomery Village Ave.
Gaithersburg, Maryland
948-1466

On the above date writer was contacted by Det. J. Arnold, Crimes Against Property, wherein Arnold related that he was working a missing person case on subject #1, CARRAFA. Arnold related that CARRAFA'S daughter suspected foul play as her father went to Brooklyn, New York on or about 07-26-76 to get \$10,000.00 from one J. Knol (phoenetic) of 3848 Atlantic Avenue, Seagate, Brooklyn, New York. Contact by the family (CARRAFA'S) with Knol resulted in Knol, allegedly, telling them that CARRAFA went on to California after receiving the money.

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Det. Arnold contacted Mrs. CARRAFA and attempted to secure CARRAFA'S home and business toll records as same, according to Mrs. CARRAFA, were allegedly at home and in the office. On 08-04-76 Mrs. CARRAFA related that she could not find the records, and writer and Det. Arnold summonsed same from the C & P Telephone Co. of Maryland.

It was further learned that on 07-22-76 to 07-23-76 person or persons, unknown, allegedly broke into Gino's Classic Cars and removed the following three vehicles:

1. 1936 Packard Conv., gray in color, tan top & red wheels, Serial # 904485; title issued to CARRAFA; value \$70,000.00.
2. 1931 Cadillac Conv., brown in color with tan fenders & top, Serial #1002698; owned by CARRAFA; value \$90,000.00.
3. 1954 Mercedes Benz Conv., white in color with black top, Serial #300186014; owned by CARRAFA, LEC #00519409, value \$23,000.00.

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CARS: \$183,000.00

It was further learned that CARRAFA'S associate was one Det. Joseph Ronald Smisek, W/M, 09-06-45, this department.

On 08-04-76 writer contacted NYCPD reference a check on Knol (ph.) and a possible hit was made on the following:

Jay Knohl
W/M, DOB 03-10-33
NYCPD B#516067
909 East 29th Street
Brooklyn, New York

Writer has requested arrest record and photograph, via letter, on Knohl for identification purposes by daughter. Knohl is known to be a "pick-up man" for an unknown banker in New York as he was arrested on 11-25-68, 01-16-69, and 03-09-70 for possession of slips with horse bets on same.

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On 08-05-76, Det. Fred Elflein, NYCPD, O/C, contacted writer reference to their recovery, at 1915 hours, 08-04-76, of the body of a W/M, ~~shot numerous times in the head and~~ wrapped in chains. Said body had identification papers of CARRAFA and Knol (ph.); and same rose to the surface near buoy #4, Great Kills Harbor, off Staten Island. It is believed that the body is that of CARRAFA. STRANGLER

F.B.I. contacted by writer and are forwarding prints on CARRAFA to writer. CARRAFA has no record, served in Marine Corp., and was born in Waterbury, Conn.

Check of Gino's Classical Cars through State Department of Assessments and Taxation reveals that same was incorporated on 11-18-74 by Stanley N. Tashoff, Esq.

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A subject by the name of "Reds", 424-6151 will be called by Smisek in an attempt to locate Dawson.

Smisek also related that Bill Bogley knows Jay Knohl, and that in November of '75 a mutual friend of Smiseks and CARRAFA'S, Bob Leonardo, from Kensington, allegedly died of brain cancer.

08-06-76

Source in Plantation Florida P.D. advises the following subscriber information for the four Florida telephone numbers called by CARRAFA:

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|----------------|--|
| (305) 857-0293 | Lillian Hair
5908 Luzon Drive
Orlando, Florida |
| (305) 595-9339 | Alan Smith
9315 S.W. 77th Ave., Apt. 119
Miami, Florida |
| (305) 776-6765 | Lewis E. Iandoli
#1 Compass Road
Fort Lauderdale, Florida |
| (305) 941-0746 | Ann Iandoli
Ann's Beach Ware
37 Ocean Side Center
Pompano Beach, Florida
also (305) 941-0745 |

Reference "Reds" and (301) 424-6151; cross directory and M.V.A. reveal him to be Joseph John Ilgenfritz, W/M, 03-19-07, 5'9", 175, Soundex I-425-441-429-207, of 401 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland. Subject has two vehicles registered to him with the following title numbers:

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4077488

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08-06-76	<p>CARRAFA'S long distance toll records reveal that he called the following numbers:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(301) 268-1192 Annapolis 761-9393 Glen Burnie 838-2010 Bel Air 838-9189 Bel Air 272-2800 Aberdeen 774-7200 Ashton Montgomery General Hospital 335-3043 Chase 761-8860 Glen Burnie 829-2153 Mt. Airy 838-3100 Bel Air 272-5800 Aberdeen 679-6467 Edgewood</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(202) 665-0576 Washington, D.C. operator says 665 number is for a mobile telephone listed to Kensington Motor Sales, 10615 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, Md. listed number for same is 948-2803</p> <p>Court House records checked reference incorporation of Gino's Classical Cars, Inc., and same reveal the following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Locate Liber HMS 242 Folio 261 Incorporators: (1) Jay Knohl 17929 Archwood Way Olney, Md. (2) Eugene CARRAFA (3) Stanley N. Tashoff, Esq.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">close corporation, 100 shares issued two (2) directors - Jay knohl & Gino Carrafa</p> <p>Corporation papers located in liber 2122 folio 155 at State Department of Assessments and Taxation.</p> <p>On 08-06-76 writer went to 17929 Archwood Way, Olney, Md.; for this was the residence listed for Knohl's Md. operator's license and noted on his corporation papers. Parked in the</p>

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driveway of the residence was a late model Monte Carlo, Michigan reg. MDH 710 and a Continental D.C. dealer tag D1546.

It was learned from Mrs. David P. Knohl (maiden name Camille NMN Saviano, W/F 12-24-39) that Jay Knohl was her brother-in-law; and he rarely lived there. Her husband, David P. Knohl, W/M, 07-10-41, was not at home at the time of the interview; however a visitor was present and he is as follows:

✓ Louis Anthony Piccerelli
W/M, 05-04-39, approx. 6'2", 200 lbs.
32402 Barclay Square
Warren, Michigan 48093
(313) 979-4777

Mrs. Knohl stated that she last saw Gino CARRAFA on 07-26-76 at her residence for dinner. Piccerelli stated that he too was present at the dinner. Mrs. Knohl stated that the family went to Ocean City, Md. on August 1 and on August 2 one Guy Sullivan, (301) 768-4331 notified her that CARRAFA was missing. Mrs. Knohl also stated that she talked to Jay Knohl on 08-05-76 and Jay stated that he gave CARRAGA some money when he saw him in New York.

Writer had a discussion with Piccerelli and it was learned that up until a few weeks ago he was a bouncer at Fran O'Brians Anthony House. Piccerelli stated that he knew Richie McCaleb, McGowan, Joe Nesline, Becky Sutton; and without any prompting Charlie Tourine. Piccerelli stated that the aforementioned were only gamblers and McGowan was too dumb to be a "hit man" as reported in a media article - The Washingtonian.

When I inquired of Piccerelli what he was presently doing, he stated that in two weeks he and two partners were going to open a bar in Detroit called "The Three of Us". When I remarked that Joseph Zerelli might be around, Piccerelli stated that Joe was too old and his brothers, Tony (Anthony), and another name, were in jail. Writer commented that some of Zerelli's family appeared to be moving to New York and he replied, yeah, they all married into the New York families. He further stated that the police were trying to pin Hoffa's murder on Tony Jackalone.

Mrs. Knohl also stated that her mother was questioned years

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in Brooklyn for possibly writing book; however it was an error as the numbers she possessed were relative to lot and number of pairs of pants she boxed in a garment house where she worked. Mrs. Knohl further stated that she brought her down from Brooklyn and got her an apartment in Rockville. Maryland telephone directory lists one Jennie Saviano, 199 Rollins Ave., Rockville, Md., 770-6784; and it is noted that she is the only Saviano in the book.

At approximately 1930 hours David P. Knohl called writer, having returned home; however he could not furnish any information. Knohl did say that this was a double shock for Mr. Piccerelli as he burried his wife two weeks ago.

Listing obtained on D.C. dealer tag D 1546 to National Auto Brokers Wholesale, Inc., rear of 5102 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 723-4100 and (202) 291-6400.

Writer contacted MSP Trooper Burns reference the three classical cars reported stolen by CARRAFA on 07-22-76 to 07-23-76, and he stated that CARRAFA refused a polygraph three times; and CARRAFA told him that the reason was that he was into other things. Burns feels that the theft of these vehicles was staged by CARRAFA as he showed Burns one point of entry and a United States Fidelity & Guarantee Insurance Adjustor another point of entry. Burns also related that there were no tire marks in the dirt road that led to Gino's Classical Car's garage. USF & G adjustor is one Sharon Kohler, (301) 547-3569.

Burns noted that a vacationing Pennsylvania police officer, on 07-21-76, two days before the theft, observed a blue GMC Tractor with a yellow trailer operated by two negro males at the Union 76 Truck Stop in Colesville, Pa. The truck was being followed by a negro male in a maroon Rolls Royce. The yellow trailer was loaded with six classical cars, a white over black Cadillac, a Mercedes, what appeared to be a Rolls Royce but could have been the Packard and three other cars.

Lastly, Burns related that one Investigator Jones, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, assisted CARRAFA in going into business. Burns and Hones inspected Gino's numerous times and found violations such as un-notarized titles, but Jones took no enforcement action.

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Writer attempted to contact Guy Sullivan, and the subject who answered stated that he has not seen him today. It was learned that (301) 768-4331 is Timbuck Two, Rt. 2, Box 231, Hanover, Md. 21076. From background noise it appears as if this is a bar or truckstop.

It was also learned that CARRAFA, Piccerelli and Knohl became acquainted in the Marine Corp. and they all worked as bouncers.

Lisitng obtained on Michigan MDH 710 and same on a 1975 Chevrolet, 2 dr. to Louis A. Piccerelli, 32402 Barclay Square, Warren, Michigan.

Det. Arnold contacted and he furnished the following:

1. CARRAFA'S married daughter named Shoemaker, (301) 977-9312
2. Sgt. Shelton, Long Beach, Calif. P.D., (213) 436-9811, was the complainant reference the first stolen classical car that was sent to Gino's.

08-07-76 Interview with Det. Smisek reveals that one William (Bill) C. Heider, 3670 5th Avenue, Edgewater-Bowie Glendale, Md., (301) 261-4293 is a former partner of CARRAFA and J. Knohl.

Interview with Mrs. CARRAFA reveals that Jay Knohl's right hand man is one Robert White, a gorilla type, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Like Jay Knohl, White has a Md. driver's license and lists David Knohl's address of 17929 Archwood Way, Olney, Md.

New York Detectives working this case are Al Santoro and Al Siragusa, (212) 979-4355 or 979-4356, of NYCPD, Staten Island area, 2320 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York.

CARRAFA'S son-in-law is Stewart Luther Shoemaker, AKA Tinker, W/M, 12-31-50; lives at CARRAFA'S home now; operates 74 Chev. truck, blue, Md. reg. K 52764.

Ralph's telephone number is (314) 831-7964. Bill Bogley called Mrs. CARRAFA twice on 08-07-76 and offered his assistance; and left the following numbers (301) 473-8562 and (301) 831-7580.

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Reliable source will secure any tag numbers visiting Archwood Way address on 08-08, 08-09 and 08-10.

Telephone call received from Det. R. Smisek wherein Smisek stated that Bill Bogley called him and stated that he would give us a confidential statement with reference to Jay Knohl. Bogley told Smisek that when he was in tax trouble (\$100,000 plus) Knohl offered to pay all of the liens for a piece of the action. Knohl also told Bogley that he sent a car - when unknown - to a shredder in NYC.

Smisek related that Gino CARRAFA advertised the three cars that he reported stolen in the August issue of Hemmings Motor News, and Smisek stated that he felt that one of cars reported stolen is in Lake George, New York; however he did not say why.

Information received from Chicago P.D., Homicide, that Janice Mae Piccerelli was found dead on Rush St., Chicago, Ill. on 07-21-76. The case is being handled by Dets Schuler and Grogman, Area 6 Homicide, (312) 744-8262.

Source advises that a female called Mrs. CARRAFA on 08-07-76, approximately 1800 hours, identified herself as a maid of Jay Knohls; and stated that Jay had been involved in an accident; and he was in jail for the weekend for operating on an expired license.

Source also advises that Pat Sherman, AKA Nutsy, was the mentalcase/alcoholic that worked for CARRAFA, and Knohls' insisted that CARRAFA get rid of him as he "knew too much". Sherman lived above Gino's Classical Cars, Inc., and supposedly went to Virginia; but he has not been heard from since.

Interview conducted with Mrs. CARRAFA, her sisters, and daughters at 1430-1700 hours 08-07-76. Numerous personal papers of CARRAFA'S secured, and one of them had the following written on the back:

Romano's Funeral Home
3254 White Plains
Bronx, N.Y.
820 E. 214 Street
Bronx, N.Y.
Pisano

Joseph
654-2503

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